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SUBJECT: IATTC: EMBARGO ON SPANISH TUNA

1. REGRET ABSENCES MANY TUNA EXPERTS AT LOS TUNA TALKS PRECLUDED EARLIER RESPONSE. COORDINATED DEPARTMENT POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED. EUR HAS EMPHASIZED TO COMMERCE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ISSUE. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD ON PRIORITY BASIS TO CLARIFY U.S. POSITION.

2. NMFS OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER MFA NOTE (MADRID 7082) COMPLETELY ADEQUATE TO LIFT EMBARGO ON SPANISH YELLOWFIN TUNA AND WANTS ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES REGARDING ENFORCEMENT. EUR BELIEVES SPANISH COMMITMENT ALREADY SUFFICIENT TO COMPLY WITH NEED FOR ASSURANCES AND THAT DISCUSSIONS ON ENFORCEMENT COULD FOLLOW LIFTING OF EMBARGO.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEMPT EXPEDITE FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR

EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER. IN ANY EVENT, MEMBERS OF U.S. DEL
ICCAT WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS EMBARGO WITH EMBASSY: BRIAN
HALLMAN OES/OFA/FA, DAVID COLSON L/OES IF PRESENT, AND
CARMEN BLONDIN COMM/NMFS. THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE

VOLUNTEERED FOR DISCUSSION WITH SPANISH ON THIS MATTER,
BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO DO SO IF REQUESTED. IN THIS
EVENT IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN A
POSITION TO GIVE DEFINITIVE ANSWERS ASSOCIATED WITH
LIFTING THE EMBARGO.

4. MEXICO INDICATED AT PARIS IATTC MEETING IT WOULD
ABSTAIN ON FURTHER GOS APPLICATION FOR IATTC MEMBERSHIP.
HOW SUCH ABSTENTION COULD BE SQUARED WITH LEGAL REQUIRE-
MENTS OF TREATY STILL BEING INVESTIGATED. KISSINGER

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